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# PROCLAMATION

By affixing his signature to an Act of Congress, President George Washington in the year 1790 created the Revenue Cutter Service - America's first seagoing fighting force. A quarter of a century later, the Revenue Cutter Service became the Coast Guard.

From the day of its creation, this service has fought the enemy in every war and has guarded our coasts and inland waterways in the years of peace. During the present conflict, men who proudly wear the Coast Guard shield have been among the first ashore in every invasion and their staunch fighting ships have crushed the enemy's most powerful underwater vessels throughout the world.

No little contribution to this excellent record has been made by the Coast Guard Spars, who fill shore stations, handling scores of tasks which heretofore were performed by men.

On Friday, August 4, the nation will mark with appropriate ceremonies the one hundred fifty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Revenue Cutter Service, which ultimately was called the Coast Guard.

NOW, I, ELMER F. SMITH, Governor of South Dakota, do proclaim Friday, August 4, 1944, as

## COAST GUARD DAY

and request that our citizens pay tribute to the glorious history of the service and to the part members of the Coast Guard and SPARS in the St. Louis Ninth Naval District are having in the heroic struggle that is now being carried to the very heart of the enemies' strongholds.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed on this 20th day of July, 1944.

(SIGNED SEAL)

Signed

E. F. SMITH  
 Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

LEO L. LARSEN  
 Secretary of State